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In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A PLASTIC EDGE STRIP TO A PLATE-LIKE WORKPIECE AND SUCH A WORKPIECE**

(Continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/02150 with International Filing Date of 10 March 2000.)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the continuation application filed herewith, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 15, 16 and 21 as per attached with this preliminary amendment. The within amendment reflects amendments to claims 15, 16 and 21 as previously amended by amended claims annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report. Pursuant to the new rules implementing the AIPA, a clean copy of the amended claims is attached along with a marked-up copy of the claims indicating the proposed claim amendments.

Please add newly submitted claim 23 as per attached.

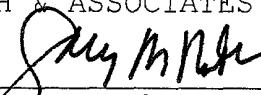
REMARKS

The claims have been amended to clarify the subject matter and remove multiple dependencies. The amendments and newly added claim do not add any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

(Amended) 15. Method according to [one of the claims 12 - 14] claim 12, characterized in that the strand of plastic material (20) is formed by forming means comprising at least one rotatable roller (24) having a circumferential profile substantially corresponding with the desired profile of the strand of plastic material (20) applied on the edge (14) of the workpiece (16).

(Amended) 16. Method according to [one of the claims 12 - 14] claim 12, characterized in that the strand of plastic material (20) is formed by forming means comprising several rotatable rollers (24) arranged successively, the rollers (24) having different circumferential profiles such that the rollers (24) altogether form the strand of plastic material (20) applied on the edge (14) of the workpiece (16) in the desired profile.

(Amended) 21. Plate-like workpiece, manufactured by means of an apparatus according to [one of claims 1 to 11 and/or by a method according to one of claims 12 to 20] claim 1, wherein on an edge (14) of the workpiece (16) a strand of plastic material (20)

is extruded, formed in a desired profile, and hardened, the formed strand of plastic material (20) being fixedly joint with said edge (14).

(Added) 23. Plate-like workpiece, manufactured by the method according to claim 12, wherein on an edge (14) of the workpiece (16) a strand of plastic material (20) is extruded, formed in a desired profile, and hardened, the formed strand of plastic material (20) being fixedly joint with said edge (14).

**CLEAN COPY OF CLAIMS AMENDED AND ADDED:**

(Amended) 15. Method according to claim 12, characterized in that the strand of plastic material (20) is formed by forming means comprising at least one rotatable roller (24) having a circumferential profile substantially corresponding with the desired profile of the strand of plastic material (20) applied on the edge (14) of the workpiece (16).

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(Amended) 21. Plate-like workpiece, manufactured by means of an apparatus according to claim 1, wherein on an edge (14) of the workpiece (16) a strand of plastic material (20) is extruded, formed in a desired profile, and hardened, the formed strand of plastic material (20) being fixedly joint with

said edge (14).

(Added) 23. Plate-like workpiece, manufactured by the method according to claim 12, wherein on an edge (14) of the workpiece (16) a strand of plastic material (20) is extruded, formed in a desired profile, and hardened, the formed strand of plastic material (20) being fixedly joint with said edge (14).